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In reply to your Response to Request For Corrected Filing Receipt mailed February 26, 2004, copy enclosed, Applicant submits that the application to which priority was claimed was not filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application. The USPTO was closed on September 18, 2003 and September 19, 2003 per OG Notice 1275 OG 142 dated October 21, 2003 (copy attached) and that September 20, 2003 and September 21, 2003 were the weekend. The application was filed on the next business day that the USPTO was open, September 22, 2003. Therefore, domestic priority should be claimed on this application.

Please correct the Filing Receipt for the above-referenced application to include domestic priority as claimed by applicant as --THIS APPLICATION CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/411,752 09/19/2002--. The above-referenced application is a regular, non-provisional utility application that claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/411,752, filed on 09/19/2002, as claimed in the first paragraph of the filed application and the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (copy attached).

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Additionally, on March 3, 2004, Applicant's representative spoke to Ms. Valerie Kinard in the Customer Service Center in the Initial Patent Examination Division. As requested by Ms. Kinard, a copy of the request to correct the OFR and the supporting documentation were faxed to her attention that same day so she could ensure that the OFR was corrected.

To date, no action has been taken to correct the OFR. Subsequent and follow-up calls to Ms. Kinard have not resulted in the receipt of a corrected OFR.

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Serial No. : 10/665,504  
Filed : September 22, 2003  
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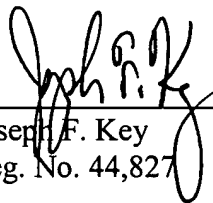
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Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be corrected expeditiously.

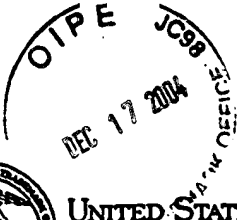
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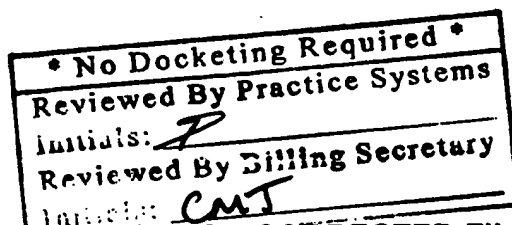
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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Domestic Continuity and Foreign Priority

In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply with the request because:

- ☐ The priority or continuity claim has not been entered because it was not filed during the required time period. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. See 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.
- ☐ Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification.
- ☐ A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.
- ☐ Domestic benefit and foreign priority claims will not be captured in a provisional application. A provisional application is not entitled to a right of priority or to the benefit of an earlier filing date of any other application. See 35 U.S.C. § 111(b)(7) and 37 CFR 1.53(c)(4).
- ☐ A domestic continuity claim cannot be made to a foreign application and the filing receipt will only list the foreign country, application number, and filing date.
- ☐ Foreign priority will appear on the Filing Receipt in the following order: Country, Application number, Filing date.
- ☐ This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisional application.

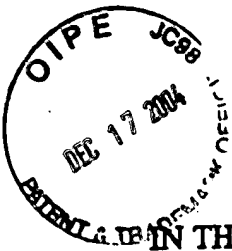
- ☒ The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or foreign priority.  
*60/411,752 filed 9/19/02*
- ☐ To change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, applicant must amend the first sentence of the specification (if the benefit claim is referenced in the specification), or provide a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the benefit claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired benefit claim. Note that once a benefit claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such prior-filed application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Richard Weber

Art Unit : 3611

Serial No. : 10/665,504

Examiner : Unknown

Filed : September 22, 2003

Title : COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USING THE  
COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE TO COMMUNICATE A MESSAGE

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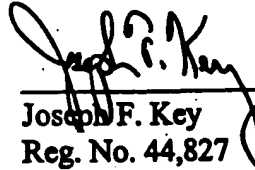
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## Applicant(s)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application claims benefit of  
60/411,752 filed 09/19/2002.

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 12/12/2003

✓ Projected Publication Date: Request for Non-Publication Acknowledged

✓ Non-Publication Request: Yes

Early Publication Request: No

✓ \*\* SMALL ENTITY \*\*

## Title

✓ Communications device and method for using the communications device to communicate a message

Preliminary Class

* No Docketing Required *
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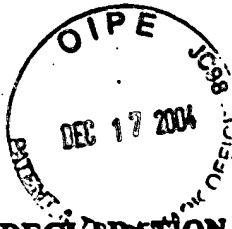
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Attorney's Docket No.: 12177-004001

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USING THE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE TO COMMUNICATE A MESSAGE, the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e)(1) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

U.S. Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
60/411,752	September 19, 2002	Pending

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
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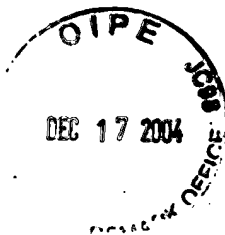
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